

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room 220, Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex
January 28, 2009**

Members Present: Sen. Jon J. Greiner, Co-Chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair
Pres. Michael G. Waddoups
Sen. Scott D. McCoy
Rep. Douglas C. Aagard
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig
Rep. Larry B. Wiley

Staff Present: Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst
Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Carrie Griffith, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Hutchings called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with President Waddoups absent for the vote.

Rep. Hutchings mentioned that Executive Appropriations would be meeting the next day which would bring new numbers and updates to each of the Appropriations Subcommittee meetings. When those numbers become public, this Subcommittee will begin working on reducing budgets for each agency from the updated numbers. He informed everyone that the intent for the day's meeting would be to look at presentations prepared by Staff on each of the agencies preparatory to dealing with the FY 2010 budget and to ask questions.

Tom Patterson, Executive Director Department of Corrections, accompanied by Cliff Butter, Director Planning and Budget, answered questions raised by Subcommittee members regarding the impact of eliminating the Gunnison Facility. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Butter stated the prisons will hit maximum capacity by the end of the year and noted they may need to early release violators because of the lack of bed space. They also answered questions relating to bonds, jail contracting and jail reimbursement. Mr. Patterson commented that jail reimbursement exists mainly in the jails along the Wasatch Front while the smaller rural counties are impacted more by jail contracting and have little to do with jail reimbursement.

Agency Building Blocks and Budget Information

Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst, stated that with the absence of firm data until the numbers come in from Executive Appropriations the next day, the Analysts felt it would be best to create a discussion on recently funded Building Blocks for the agencies over the last few years and invite members of the Subcommittee to ask questions and get a feel for agency needs, issues and priorities.

A handout was distributed showing General Funds and Total Funds Appropriations FY 2005-FY2010. He explained how to read the chart, showing that the Base Budget for FY 2010 is \$796,368,550, then giving a breakdown of General Funds and Total Funds for each of the agencies within the Subcommittee.

Mr. Ricks and Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analysts, presented the *2008-2009 Appropriations Report* the Executive Appropriations Committee published in April 2008. Beginning on page 28 and going through page 48 of the Report, the Analysts showed some of the main items funded during the last Legislative Session. Mr. Ricks apprised everyone that some items have been eliminated due to the budget reductions incurred during the September 25, 2008 Special Session.

During the Analysts presentation, department heads responded to questions regarding several items that directly affect their agencies. More detailed presentations will be given later in the Session.

Rep. Mascaro suggested that agency and department heads be given as much latitude as possible in bringing their recommendations to the Subcommittee as to where the budget cuts should be taken.

MOTION: Rep. Oda moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Sen. Jon J. Greiner, Co-Chair

Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair

